on the committee are made, the Secretary shall select:

- (1) Six major cooperative members and four major cooperative alternate members from nominations made pursuant to §929.22(d)(1).
- (2) Six members and four alternate members from nominations made pursuant to §929.22(d)(2).
- (3) One member-at-large representing entities other than the major cooperative marketing organization from nominations made pursuant to §929.22(d)(3).

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#### § 929.24 Failure to nominate.

If nominations are not made within the time and in the manner prescribed in §929.22, the Secretary may, without regard to nominations, select the members and alternate members of the committee on the basis of representation provided for in §§929.20 and 929.23.

# § 929.25 Acceptance.

Any person selected by the Secretary as a member or as an alternate member of the committee shall qualify by filing a written acceptance with the Secretary promptly after being notified of such selection.

#### §929.26 Vacancies.

To fill any vacancy occasioned by the failure of any person selected as a member or as an alternate member of the committee to qualify, or in the event of the death, removal, resignation, or disqualification of any member or alternate member of the committee, a successor for the unexpired term of such member or alternate member of the committee shall be nominated and selected in the manner specified in §§ 929.22 and 929.23. If the names of nominees to fill any such vacancy are not made available to the Secretary within a reasonable time after such vacancy occurs, the Secretary may fill such vacancy without regard to nominations, which selection shall be made on the basis of representation provided for in §§ 929.20 and 929.23.

# § 929.27 Alternate members.

An alternate member of the committee shall act in the place and stead

of a member during the absence of such member and may perform such other duties as assigned. In the event of the death, removal, resignation, or disqualification of a member, an alternate shall act for him/her until a successor for such member is selected and has qualified. In the event both a member and alternate member from the same marketing order district are unable to attend a committee meeting, the committee may designate any other alternate member to serve in such member's place and stead at that meeting provided that:

- (a) An alternate member representing the major cooperative shall not serve in place of a member representing other than the major cooperative or the public member.
- (b) An alternate member representing other than the major cooperative shall not serve in place of a major cooperative member or the public member.
- (c) A public alternate member shall not serve in place of any industry member.

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### § 929.30 Powers.

The committee shall have the following powers:

- (a) To administer the provisions of this part in accordance with its terms;
- (b) To receive, investigate, and report to the Secretary complaints of violations of the provisions of this part;
- (c) To make and adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the terms and provisions of this part; and
- (d) To recommend to the Secretary amendments to this part.

## § 929.31 Duties.

The committee shall have, among others, the following duties:

- (a) To select a chairman and such other officers as may be necessary, and to define the duties of such officers;
- (b) To appoint such employees, agents, and representatives as it may deem necessary and to determine the compensation and to define the duties of each:
- (c) To submit to the Secretary as soon as practicable after the beginning of each fiscal period a budget for such